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February 13, 2012

Mr. Stephen Hoffman  
US Environmental Protection Agency (5304P)  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Subject: Request for Action Plan: Cross Generating Station, Cross, SC

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper) received and reviewed the final dike assessment report for the Cross Generating Station which resulted from the site assessment conducted by your contractor, Dewberry & Davis, LLC., on February 23, 2011.

Santee Cooper agrees with the report's conclusions that "The three CCR management units at Cross Generating Station are generally SATISFACTORY for continued safe and reliable operation".

The two recommendations in the report were initially implemented by Santee Cooper upon review of the draft report. Since these recommendations involve on-going maintenance activities, they will continue to be implemented. The recommendations were as follows:

- a. "Re-establishing good grass cover in areas of sparse grass growth and in areas eroded by surface runoff." In response, Santee Cooper has re-established grass cover and this cover has been, and will continue to be, maintained.
- b. Remove or control vegetation growing on the Fabriform revetment on the interior slopes of the ash pond dikes. In response, Santee Cooper removed vegetation on the Fabriform revetment and on-going maintenance practices include removing and controlling any future vegetation growth in this area.

Santee Cooper has an excellent track record with regard to the safety of our CCR impoundments and is fully committed to maintain this record through on-going maintenance practices.

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Santee Cooper makes no confidentiality claims with respect to material contained in the report or with respect to this correspondence. Please contact me at 843-761-8000 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jay Hudson, PE". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jay Hudson, PE  
Manager  
Environmental Management

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